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In re Application of:)
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Shoji SETA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1765
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Serial No.: 10/086,556) Examiner: Deo, Duy Vu Nguyen
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Filed: March 4, 2002)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)
THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. This IDS supplements the IDS filed August 23, 2002.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes the following certification as specified by Section 1.97(e): The documents listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in an Office Action mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on May 11, 2004 in counterpart foreign Application No. 2000-

396015, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, copies of the Japanese Patent Office Action for Application No. 2000-396015 dated May 11, 2004, and its English translation, citing those documents and setting forth the relevance thereof, are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO-1449 form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should either of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

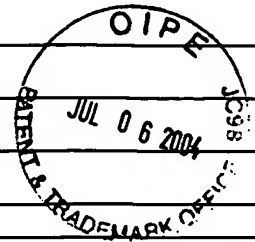
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